

--Fig. 8 is a view showing an example of a conventional piezoelectric vibrator.--

Please insert the following new paragraphs at page 7, line 16:

--Fig. 9A is a perspective view of the piezoelectric vibrator shown in Figs. 1A to 1C.

Fig. 9B is a top plan view of the piezoelectric vibrator shown in Fig. 9A.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring to Figs. 1A to 1C and Figs. 9A and 9B, the piezoelectric vibrator 10 includes a piezoelectric substrate 11 and a pair of exciting electrodes 12a and 12b formed on the piezoelectric substrate 11. The exciting electrodes 12a and 12b are connected to electrodes 13a and 13b for interconnection, respectively. The electrodes for interconnection can be formed along the entire width in the traverse direction of the piezoelectric substrate 11, as shown in Figs. 3A to 3F.--

#### **In the Claims**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric element comprising:  
a piezoelectric substrate having a shape of an elongated rectangular solid, and  
first and second exciting electrodes formed on a part of at least one principal plane selected from the group consisting of a first principal plane of the piezoelectric substrate and a second principal plane opposed to the first principal plane,  
wherein thickness shear vibration occurs,  
a vibration direction of the thickness shear vibration is nonparallel to a side wall extending in a longitudinal direction of the piezoelectric substrate, and  
a normal line of an edge in the longitudinal direction of the first exciting electrode and a normal line of an edge in the longitudinal direction of the second exciting electrode are parallel to each other, and are nonparallel to the side wall extending in the longitudinal direction of the piezoelectric substrate.